

Table 3. California Division of Workers' Compensation: Workers' Compensation Claims (in 000's), by Nature of Injury, 2000 - 2009

NATURE OF INJURY	2000		2001		2002		2003		2004		2005		2006		2007		2008		2009		TOTAL	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Specific Injury	650.2	88.1	810.4	87.2	762.8	86.0	725.1	85.5	694.7	86.6	661.2	87.4	650.7	88.8	619.0	89.2	564.4	89.2	474.0	89.0	6,612.5	87.5
Occupational Disease Or Cumulative Injury	72.7	9.8	95.3	10.2	101.6	11.5	99.5	11.7	85.2	10.6	75.2	9.9	61.8	8.4	55.3	8.0	50.0	7.9	42.2	7.9	738.8	9.8
Multiple Injuries	15.2	2.1	24.4	2.6	22.1	2.5	23.4	2.8	22.6	2.8	20.3	2.7	20.5	2.8	19.6	2.8	18.6	2.9	16.6	3.1	203.2	2.7
SUBTOTAL	738.1	100.0	930.1	100.0	886.5	100.0	848.0	100.0	802.5	100.0	756.7	100.0	733.0	100.0	693.9	100.0	633.0	100.0	532.8	100.0	7,554.5	100.0
Unknown	2.2		3.9		3.6		1.6		1.1		0.9		0.8		0.8		1.4		0.8		17.4	
TOTAL REPORTED INJURIES	740.3		934.0		890.1		849.6		803.6		757.6		733.8		694.9		634.4		533.6		7,571.9	

Note: Totals and percentages may not always add up due to rounding.

Source: WCIS database, which uses National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI) codes as follows:

Specific Injury--no physical injury, aids, amputation, angina pectoris, asphyxiation, burn, concussion, contusion, crushing, dislocation, electric shock, enucleation, foreign body, fracture, freezing, hearing loss or impairment, heat prostration, hepatitis C, hernia, infection, inflammation, laceration, myocardial infarction, poisoning-general (not occupational disease or cumulative injury), puncture, rupture, severance, sprain, strain, syncope, vascular, vision loss and all other specific injuries, not otherwise classified (NOC).

Occupational Disease or Cumulative Injury--dust disease, NOC, asbestosis, black lung, byssinosis, silicosis, respiratory disorders, poisoning-chemical (other than metals), poisoning-metal, dermatitis, radiation, all other occupational disease or injury, NOC, loss of hearing, contagious disease, cancer, visual display terminal (VDT)-related diseases, mental disorder, mental stress, carpal tunnel syndrome, hepatitis losses and all other cumulative injury, NOC.

Multiple Injuries--multiple physical injuries only, and multiple physical injuries including both physical and psychological.

A significant amount of variation across years results from noncompliance and late reporting of claims. Data are based upon calendar year of injury. DWC believes that its database is representative of claims in California's workers' compensation (WC) industry.

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